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## Dear Interested Party:

Pilot Gold (USA) Inc. (Pilot) submitted an Exploration Plan of Operations (Plan) for the Kinsley Exploration Project located in the Kinsley Mountain Range, approximately 38 miles south of West Wendover, NV, in sections 1 and 2, T. 26 N., R. 67 E.; sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, T. 26 N., R. 68 E.; section 36, T. 27 N., R. 67 E.; and sections 31 and 32, T. 27 N., R. 68 E., Elko County. Pilot is currently conducting exploration activities under a mining Notice with 4.79 acres of disturbance. Pilot proposes to increase surface disturbance at their Kinsley Exploration Project from 4.79 acres to 60 acres to conduct exploration drilling, including the construction of drill pads and access roads (see enclosed map). Much of the proposed disturbance will be within or adjacent to the previous Kinsley Mine disturbance.

Pilot is also proposing to construct water wells for the proposed exploration activities, as well as conduct maintenance of existing pre-1981 roads which will result in 40 acres of disturbance. Pilot also proposes to extract gravel for road improvements from an existing gravel location near the proposed project area, resulting in an additional surface disturbance of 10 acres, making the total proposed disturbance for the Plan 100 acres. The Kinsley Exploration Project will be permitted through both the BLM and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP).

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the exploration disturbance associated with the Plan Amendment. The EA will be open for public review until May 30, 2013, thirty days (30). The Kinsley Exploration EA and the proposed Plan can be viewed at the following website: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko field office.html

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Kinsley EA, please contact Gerald Miller, Wells Field Office Project Manager, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, by phone at (775) 753-0372, or via email: gkmiller@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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